

Proclamation

For 110 years, the Palolo Chinese Home has presented our island community with an invaluable service. Through their unified efforts, they have tended to our elders and offered much needed assistance to family members.

Wai Wah Yee Tin Chinese Hospital, currently known as the Palolo Chinese Home, was originally founded in 1896 by 326 Chinese immigrants. They joined together to provide for those who were unable to continue working in Hawai'i's plantations and ranches due to age or illness.

With its primary goals of assisting and caring for the aged, maintaining homes for them, aiding in the alleviation of human suffering and distresses, and carrying on the works of charity, mercy and benevolence, the Palolo Chinese Home has continued to be a leader in providing affordable quality care.

The Palolo Chinese Home moved to its present location in 1917, after exceeding its modest beginnings in Kapalama, near Chinatown, and continued to serve elderly men of all ethnicities. By 1972, the Home expanded to include female residents.

In 2000 and again in 2005, the Palolo Chinese Home reaffirmed its commitment to our community by attending to the growing need for long-term care in Hawai'i with renovations to their campus and programs. Upon completion, the home will include five new buildings that are technologically and environmentally state-of-the-art, and will provide a new paradigm of aging in one's neighborhood with a continuum of care.

THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and I, JAMES R. "DUKE" AIONA, JR., Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2006, as

PALOLO CHINESE HOME DAY

in Hawai'i, and express our sincere gratitude to the Palolo Chinese Home for more than a century of caring for the kupuna of our community.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this nineteenth day of October 2006.

Linda Lingle

Governor, State of Hawai'i

James R. "Duke" Aiona, M.

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i